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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PEPR, PINT, MR
SUBJECT: COUP IN MAURITANIA

1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN CHARGE OF WEST AFRICAN
AFFAIRS INFORMS US THAT THE INITIAL FRENCH IMPRESSION OF
THE COUP IN MAURITANIA IS THAT IT WAS AN INTERNAL AFFAIR.
AT THIS POINT QUAI JUDGMENT IS THAT COUP WILL NOT RESULT
IN MAJOR CHANGE ("BOULVERSEMENT") IN MAURITANIAN
FOREIGN POLICIES. IN PARTICULAR, IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO
HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST THE ALLIANCE WITH MOROCCO
AND NEED NOT, THEREFORE, BE A CAUSE FOR PARTICULAR CON-
CERN TO MOROCCO.

2. THE PERSONS APPARENTLY BEHIND THE COUP ARE WELL
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KNOWN TO THE FRENCH. SOURCE WAS CAUTIOUS IN GIVING AN
OPINION ON THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE COUP BECAUSE IT IS
NOT YET CERTAIN THAT THE OSTENSIBLE COUP LEADERS ARE
OR WILL REMAIN FULLY IN CONTROL. WE HAVE BEEN PRO-
MISED A MORE THOROUGH READOUT TOMORROW WHEN THE QUAI
HAS MORE INFORMATION AND HAS HAD A CHANCE FOR MORE
DETAILED EVALUATION.

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